

1. WHAT DO YOU DO AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO THE SOLDIER?

As an IT Specialist, I serve as the liaison between the Army National Guard (ARNG), United States Army Reserve (USAR), and the RCAS Program Office under PEO EIS. My role is important to the reserve component (RC) Soldiers since I am responsible for capturing, validating and procuring their IT hardware and software application requirements. I played a critical role in designing the automation process of the Electronic Engineering Change Proposal (e-ECP) and Market Place, an automated hardware requirements gathering portal which provides transparency of activities to the RC stakeholders. The new automated process will increase efficiency and situational awareness across the RCAS program, facilitate collaboration, and improve communications.

2. DESCRIBE HOW AND WHEN YOU CAME TO WORK AT PEO EIS.

After five years of uniformed service, including two deployments to Iraq, I was honorably discharged in March 2010. I utilized the veteran's tuition assistance program and completed my BA in Software Information Systems from University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Upon graduation, I moved to the D.C metropolitan area and landed a job as a subcontractor for Verizon at Ft. Belvoir. Through that role I became very familiar with the PEO EIS and applied for the IT specialist position with RCAS and was subsequently hired for in April 2016.

3. WHO ARE YOUR ROLE MODELS?

My role model is definitely my father, a man who truly embodies the "American Dream" of success through hard work- a principle that he instilled within me at a young age. To be successful he believed one would not only have to work hard but also sacrifice time spent with friends or family, energy, and sometimes even sleep. For the last 25 years he has worked no less than two jobs at a time and has held as many as four jobs. As a result of his hard work and sacrifice, he provided well for the family, mentored us and others, and has become quite successful.

4. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE QUOTE?

"The future rewards those who press on. I don't have time to feel sorry for myself. I don't have time to complain. I am going to press on." — Barack Obama

5. ADVICE TO THE NEXT GENERATION?

Be open minded and learn how to take constructive criticism.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN/ BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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HOW LONG AT PEO EIS: 10 months

AWARDS / EDUCATION / OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS TO NOTE: Two Army Commendation Medals / two deployments / BA in Software Information Systems / Dean's List



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